**Producers of Insulin**

1673. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1658 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1991 and state:

((a) what are the names of the Producers of Insulin and what was their production during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have fixed the prices of formulations based on bulk Insulin;

(c) if so, when and what was the price fixed for each;

(d) what is the price at which Insulin formulations are being sold at present;

(e) what is the extent of increase in price of Insulin formulations that took place after the reduction in the price of bulk drugs;

(f) whether it is a fact that Government have set up monitoring cell to check unjustified increase in prices of decontrol medicines;

(g) if so, whether Government did not intervene to prevent unjustified increase in Insulin formulations; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) M|s. Boots India Ltd. are the only producers of bulk Insulin in the country. Production of Insulin by M|s. Boots India Ltd. during the last three years is as follows:

| Year | Production (MU) |
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| 1988-89 | 2846·00 |
| 1989-90 | 2633·00 |
| 1990-91 | 2701·87 |

(b) to (e) Bulk Drug Insulin produced in the country is being sold in the generic name and as par DPCO 1987 single ingredient category II formulations sold in the generic names are exempt from price control. Government has recently revised the price of bulk drug Insulin which is under price control from Rs. 13,991|- per MU to Rs. 16,957|- per MU on account of recent change in exhange rate of rupee against foreign currencies. The declared price of Insulin formulations submitted by Ms|- Boots India Ltd. in April, 1990 to the Government and to the extent information available the current price of Insulin formulations is given in the *Statement* annexed. Prices have been increased recently by the company owing to the impact of change in exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies.

(f) Pharmaceutical Division in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals looks after this work.

(g) and (h) The recent price increases of Insulin formulations by the company are being examined.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the formulations of bulk drug Insulin | Composition as approved by State Drug Controller | Specification of the pack | | Retail price as submitted by M/s, Boots in April, 1990 | Current price |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Type | Size | | |
| 1. | Insulin I,P, (C, G) 40 units per ml. | Crystlline Insulin | vial | 10 ml | 16·85 | 27·56 |
| 2. | Insulin Zinc Suspension I,P, (C, G) 40 units per ml. | Crystalline Insulin Insulin Zinc. Complex | vial | 10 ml | 16·90 | 27·25 |
| 3. | Isophane Insulin (N,P,H.) I,P, (C' G) 40 units per ml, | Crystaliline Protamine Zinc Complex | vial | 10 ml | 16·95 | 27·30 |
| 4. | Protamine Zinc Insulin I,P, (C, G) 40 units per ml. | Crystalline Insulin with Protamine &Znic, | vial | 10 ml | 17·70 | 28·00 |